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For: ALKYNE COMPOUNDS HAVING MCH-ANTAGONISTIC ACTIVITY AND

MEDICAMENTS COMPRISING THESE COMPOUNDS

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 19, 2006

Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2006. In that Office Action, a one month shortened statutory period was set for response and this Reply is timely.

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement in the instant application and applicants responded. The Examiner then issued the instant Office Action alleging that the applicants' response was incomplete but *bona fide*.

In response to the instant Office Action, applicants elect for examination purposes Example

3,64 having the following chemical structure:

addition, for clarity applicants herewith maintain the traversal of the Restriction Requirement set forth in their prior response.

Applicants also respectfully submit that all the pending claims are allowable and therefore solicit a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a

telephone interview would be helpful in advancing prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney below.

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 5, 2006.

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